

REMARKS

Enclosed herewith is a Substitute Specification in which the specification as filed has been amended in various places to correct grammatical errors. In addition, the specification as filed has been amended to add identifying details to the cited co-pending application.

In support of the above, enclosed herewith is a copy of the specification as filed marked up with the above changes.

The undersigned attorney asserts that no new matter has been incorporated into the Substitute Specification.

The claims have been amended such that they are now in proper U.S. format. Applicant asserts that the above changes do not affect the scope of the claims.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,289,455 to Kocher et al. in view of U.S. Patent 5,864,683 to Boebert et al. The Examiner has further rejected claims 4-7 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kocher et al. in view of Boebert et al. In addition, the Examiner has rejected claims 8-13 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kocher et al. in view of Boebert et al. Moreover, the Examiner has rejected claims 14-17 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kocher et al. in view of Boebert et al. Finally, the Examiner has rejected claims 18-20

under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kocher et al. in view of Boebert et al.

Applicant believes that the Kocher et al. patent is an improper reference. In particular, the Kocher et al. patent bears a filing date of September 2, 1999. While the subject application has a filing date of December 3, 1999, Applicant would like to point out to the Examiner that the subject application claims priority based on Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/126,169, filed March 25, 1999. This claim was acknowledged by the USPTO in the Official Filing Receipt.

Since the effective filing date of this application is now March 25, 1999, this pre-dates the filing date of the Kocher et al. patent, and as such, Applicant respectfully requests that all rejections based thereon be withdrawn.

Applicant believes that this application, containing claims 1-20, is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

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APPENDIX

1. (Amended) A recording medium comprising:

a first memory ~~that is~~ configured to store encrypted content material via a first write operation;

5 a recording indicator ~~that is~~ configured to contain a unique identifier at each occurrence of the first write operation,
; and

a second memory ~~that is~~ configured to store, via a second write operation, a secure item based on the unique identifier when the encrypted content material is stored.

2. (Amended) The recording medium ~~of as claimed in~~ claim 1,

wherein:

5 the secure item includes an encrypted key ~~that facilitates~~ for facilitating a decryption of the encrypted content material, the encrypted key being dependent upon the unique identifier.

3. (Amended) The recording medium ~~of as claimed in~~ claim 1,

wherein:

5 the recording indicator includes a counter ~~that is~~ configured to be incremented by a recording device when the recording device records the encrypted content material.

4. (Amended) A rendering device ~~that is~~ configured to render content material corresponding to encrypted content material ~~that is~~ contained on a recording medium, the recording medium also including a recording indicator that contains an original value, 5 the rendering device comprising:

one or more decrypters ~~that are~~ configured to decrypt the encrypted content material based on a current value of the recording indicator, ~~such that the~~said one or more decrypters provide the content material only when the current value of the 10 recording indicator corresponds to the original value of the recording indicator, ~~;~~ and

a renderer ~~that is~~ configured to render the content material.

5. (Amended) The rendering device ~~of as claimed in~~ claim 4, further including~~wherein~~ said rendering device further comprises: an authorization device ~~that is~~ configured to control the renderer based on a usage-measure associated with the recording 5 medium, and a validity period associated with the content material.

6. (Amended) The rendering device ~~of as claimed in~~ claim 4, further including~~wherein~~ said rendering device further comprises: a key generator that creates a unique key based on the current value of the recording indicator,

5 and

____wherein

____the one or more decrypters are configured to decrypt the encrypted content material based on the unique key ~~that is~~ based on the current value of the recording indicator.

7. (Amended) The rendering device of as claimed in claim 6,

wherein

____the one or more decrypters include:

5 a first decrypter ~~that decrypts~~ for decrypting a doubly encrypted content key based on a private key of the rendering device to provide a singly encrypted content key;

a second decrypter ~~that decrypts~~ for decrypting the singly encrypted content key based on the unique key that is based on the current value of the recording indicator to provide a content key,

10 ; and

a third decrypter ~~that decrypts~~ for decrypting the encrypted content material based on the content key to provide the content material.

8. (Amended) A provider of content material comprising:

a recorder ~~that is~~ configured to record encrypted content material and a corresponding secure item on a recording medium;

the encrypted content material being encrypted based on a
5 content key, ; and

the secure item being based on a value of a recording
indicator of the recording medium when the encrypted content
material is recorded on the recording medium.

9. (Amended) The content material provider ~~of as claimed in~~
claim 8, ~~further comprising~~wherein the content material provider
further comprises:

an allocator ~~that is~~ configured to allocate rendering
5 rights associated with the encrypted content material,
and

wherein

the recorder is further configured to record the rendering
rights on the recording medium.

10. (Amended) The content material provider as claimed in claim
8, wherein

the secure item corresponds to an encryption of the
content key based on the value of the recording indicator.

11. (Amended) The content material provider as claimed in claim
8, ~~further comprising~~wherein said content material provider further
comprises:

one or more encrypters that are configured to provide the
5 secure item.

12. (Amended) The content material provider of as claimed in
claim 8, further includingwherein said content material provider
further comprises:

a key generator that generatesfor generating a unique key
5 based on the value of the recording indicator, ; and

one or more encrypters that are configured to encrypt the
content key based on the unique key to produce the secure item.

13. (Amended) The content material provider of as claimed in
claim 8, further comprisingwherein said content material provider
further comprises:

a first encrypter that encryptsfor encrypting the content
5 key based on a unique key that is dependent upon a value of the
recording indicator to produce a singly encrypted content key, ;
and

a second encrypter that encryptsfor encrypting the singly
10 encrypted content key based on a public key that is associated with
a rendering device to produce a doubly encrypted content key
corresponding to the secure item.

14. (Amended) A method of providing content material, the method comprising the steps:

recording encrypted content material on a recording medium, the encrypted content material being dependent upon the 5 content material and a content key; and

recording a secure item on the recording medium, the secure item being dependent upon a recording indicator that is associated with the recording medium.

15. (Amended) The method of as claimed in claim 14, further including wherein said method further comprises the step:

recording rendering rights associated with the encrypted content material on the recording medium.

16. (Amended) The method of as claimed in claim 14, further including wherein said method further comprises the steps:

generating a unique key that is based on the recording indicator; and

5 encrypting the content key using the unique key to produce the secure item.

17. (Amended) The method of as claimed in claim 14, wherein the method further including comprises the steps:

generating a unique key ~~that is~~ based on the recording indicator;

5 encrypting the content key using the unique key to produce a singly encrypted content key; and

encrypting the singly encrypted content key using a public key associated with a rendering device to produce the secure item.

18. (Amended) A method of rendering content material from a recording medium that includes encrypted content material, an encrypted content key, and a recording indicator, the method comprising the steps:

5 determining a unique key based on the recording indicator;

decrypting the encrypted content key based on the unique key to provide a content key;

10 decrypting the encrypted content material based on the content key to provide the content material; and rendering the content material.

19. (Amended) The method of as claimed in claim 18, wherein: the recording medium also includes rendering rights, and the step of rendering the content material is dependent upon the rendering rights.

20. (Amended) The method of as claimed in claim 18, wherein the
step of
_____ decrypting the encrypted content key includes:
 decrypting the encrypted content key based on a private
5 key to provide a singly encrypted content key,; and
 decrypting the singly encrypted content key based on the
unique key to provide the content key.



~~Key Distribution via a Memory Device~~

SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION

KEY DISTRIBUTION VIA A MEMORY DEVICE

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[10001] This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/126,169, filed ~~03/25/99~~, Attorney Docket ~~PHA 23,637P-03/25/99~~ (Attorney Docket PHA 23,637P).

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

[10002] This invention relates to the field of electronic security, ~~and in particular~~ and, in particular, to the encryption and decryption of copy-protected content material.

2. Description of The Related Art

[10003] Digital recording techniques are commonly used to record copy-protected content material, such as, audio and video recordings. Subsequent digital copies of such digital recordings are virtually indistinguishable from the original, and offer the same quality as the original.

[10004] As the ease of illicitly providing high-quality reproductions of copy-protected content material increases, the need for preventing such reproductions increases. At the same time,

however, a legitimate purchaser of such copy-protected content material expects to be able to make copies of the content material for his or her own use. A number of "policy groups", such as the SDMI (Secure Digital Music Initiative), and others, have been 5 formed in an attempt to reach an equitable compromise between the opposing needs of the owners or vendors of the copy-protected material and the purchasers of copies of the copy-protected material. As a result of the actions of these policy groups, a variety of encryption and decryption techniques have been 10 developed, and continue to be developed, to limit the number of times that a copy of copy-protected content material can be made, or to limit the number of times that a copy may be played-back, or to place an expiration time on a copy. Similarly, encryption and decryption techniques have been developed that limit the type of 15 actions than can be applied to the copy. For example, a copy may have a limit to the number of times that it can be copied, independent of the number of times that it can be played-back. A "copy-once, play-always" authorization would allow for an infinite number of play-backs, but only one copy; a "copy-never, play-10" 20 authorization would allow for ten play-backs, and no copies of this copy. For ease of reference, the term "rendering" is used herein to identify either a recording function or a playback function. For example, a recorder renders the material to a recording medium, a CD-player renders the material to an audio system, a DVD-DVD-player 25 renders the material to an audio-visual system, and so on. In

addition to limiting the number and type of renderings, the device that provides the limited-use copy may also limit the number of limited-use copies of the copy-protected material that are simultaneously available at any given time. That is, for example, 5 if the number of limited-use copies at any given time is limited to ten, the compliant recorder will not provide an eleventh copy until at least one of the first ten copies is "checked-in", and marked as being expired, if not already so marked.

100051 In a typical embodiment of a limited-use copy, the copy 10 contains a counter or ticket that stores, in a secure manner, an indication of the authorized rights, and a compliant playback device updates the counter with each rendering or each passage of time, as appropriate for the particular authorized right. In the typical embodiment, the device that provides the limited-use copy 15 and the device that renders the material share a cryptographic key or set of keys that are used to prevent the rendering of the material on an illicit device, and to prevent a modification to the authorization parameters. Typically, the content material is encrypted using a symmetric key, and this key is communicated to 20 the rendering device in an encrypted form, using an asymmetric public key that corresponds to a private key that is associated with the rendering device. In this manner, only the intended rendering device is able to decrypt the encrypted content material. This asymmetric public key is also used to encrypt the

authorization rights associated with the encrypted content material.

[0006] By limiting the number of simultaneously authorized copies, a compliant provider of the copies cannot be efficiently utilized for an illicit mass production. By limiting the number of times that a copy of copy-protected material can be rendered, the resale value of such a limited-use copy is substantially reduced, thereby diminishing the incentive to illicitly reproduce and sell these copies. At the same time, the purchaser of the original copy of the content material is provided virtually unlimited reproduction rights. The burden on the user of re-recording the expired copies from the original purchased copy is viewed to be minimal, particularly if the number of times that the copy can be rendered before expiring is reasonably high, the number of simultaneous copies is reasonably high, and the effort required for the re-recording is low. The use of an expiration time, in lieu of an expiration based on the number of renderings, can also be used to minimize the resale value of each copy, yet allow the purchaser substantially unlimited reproduction rights. A time-based system based on real time (clock time), however, is not often effective for copy protection, because many illicit copies could be made in a relatively short amount of time, and, conversely, most purchasers would be dissatisfied with a time limit that was not related to whether the material was being rendered during that time.

Typically, time-based systems are based on a duration of time that the material is actually rendered, rather than real (clock) time.

[0007] Another scenario for the use of time-limited or usage-limited copies of copy-protected material is for the legitimate

5 vendors of the copy-protected material to sell time-limited or usage-limited copies directly, potentially at a lower cost than the above referenced copies that allow for unlimited reproductions. For example, a limited-use copy may be provided via a download from the Internet, or via a broadcast from a provider, such as a cable or
10 satellite television program provider, with an option to purchase an unlimited-use copy. Or, limited-use copies can be provided as rental items, such as a single-use rental of a video recording that does not require the return of the recording within a limited time period. These and other scenarios for the use of limited-use copies
15 of copy-protected content material can be expected to become increasingly common.

[0008] One known method of overcoming a limited-use copy protection scheme is termed a "replay attack". In this method, a

20 bit-for-bit copy is made of the limited-use copy while it contains its full allocation of authorized usage or time, and stored in an archive. Although this copy cannot typically be used in a non-compliant rendering device, because the material is stored in a secured form, this copy can be used, or replayed, on a compliant device by re-recording the bit-by-bit copy of the maximum allocated
25 copy back onto the recording medium. Thus, even though the resale

value of a limited-use copy of content material will be lower than the value of an unlimited-use copy, a counterfeiter may choose to provide such illicit limited-use copies, because of the ease of creating the copies, and the ease of overcoming the limited-use
5 copy protection scheme.

BRIEF SUMMARY SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0009] It is an object of this invention to provide an encryption method that precludes a replay attack on a limited-use protection scheme. It is a further object of this invention to
10 provide a recording medium having properties that preclude a replay attack. It is a further object of this invention to provide a system that provides limited-use copies of copy-protected material that precludes a replay attack.

[0010] These objects and others are achieved by providing an encryption system having a secure item that is substantially unique for each recording of a copy of copy-protected content material. A memory element is provided in the recording medium that is readable but not writeable by external devices, and whose content changes each time material is recorded onto the medium. In a preferred
20 embodiment, the content of this memory element is used to form a unique encryption key that is used to encrypt the encryption key that is used to encrypt the content material. This unique encryption of the content encryption key is further encrypted using a public key that corresponds to a private key of the intended
25 rendering device. Although the unique encryption key is

determinable by reading and processing the content of the externally read-only memory element, the decryption of the content encryption key requires both the unique encryption key and the private key of the intended rendering device. Because the unique 5 encryption key is based on a content value of the read-only memory element that is unique to each recording to the recording medium, a subsequent illicit re-recording of the original encrypted content material onto the recording medium (a replay attack) will not provide the same unique encryption key as the unique encryption key 10 used to originally encrypt the content encryption key. Because the unique encryption key of the replay attack differs from the original unique encryption key used to encrypt the content encryption key, the rendering device will be unable to decrypt the content encryption key, and thereby will be unable to decrypt the 15 content material, and the replay attack will fail.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

[0011] The invention is explained in further detail, and by way of example, with reference to the accompanying drawing wherein:

20 [0012] FIG. 1 illustrates an example block diagram of an encryption system that provides a copy of copy-protected material that precludes replay attacks in accordance with this invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

25 [0013] FIG. 1 illustrates an example block diagram of an encryption system 100 that provides a copy of copy-protected

material on a recording medium 300 that precludes replay attacks in accordance with this invention. The encryption system 100 includes a content provider 200, a recording medium 300, and a rendering device 400. The content provider 200 records encrypted content 5 material and associated information to the recording medium 300, for rendering by the rendering device 400. Any of a variety of conventional recording techniques can be employed, depending upon the form and structure of the medium 300. For ease of understanding, the components utilized to write to and read from 10 the medium 300 are not illustrated in the example block diagram of the content provider 200 and rendering device 400 in FIG. 1.

[0014] In accordance with this invention, the recording medium 300 includes a recording indicator 310 that contains a unique number U. A new number U is created each time encrypted content 15 material 221 is stored to the memory area 320 of the medium 300. Any number of techniques may be used to facilitate the production of this unique number U. In a straightforward embodiment of a solid-state medium 300, the recording indicator 310 includes a counter that is incremented by a modifier 315 with each write 20 access 299 to the memory 320. In a more complex embodiment, the modifier 315 includes a random number generator that provides a new random number to the recording indicator 310 with each write access 299 to the memory 320. Other techniques are also viable, such as the use of a data-time stamp, and others.

[0015] In a preferred embodiment of this invention, the recording indicator 310 is embodied in the "disk sector tag" commonly associated with sectors of memory in a computer memory device. Corresponding tags can be written to optical or magnetic 5 disks via a secure disk drive analogously to the case of computer memory. That is, as the encrypted content material 221 is written to each sector of the memory area 320, the modifier 315 changes the disk sector tag of each sector that is written to. One or more of these changed disk sector tags thereby form the unique number U. By 10 associating the recording indicator 310 with specific sectors, writes to other sectors within the medium 300 will not affect the tags associated with the sectors used to form the memory block 320 for storing the encrypted content material 320. In this manner, memory write operations are distinguishable, even if the medium 300 15 is not physically segregated into discrete memory blocks 310, 320, 340, 350 as illustrated in FIG. 1.

[0016] It should be noted that the number U can be the collection of all tags in the entire memory thus creating a single key KU for the entire contents of the media. Alternatively the 20 number U and corresponding key KU can be for a single "disk sector" so that each section of the media can be separately rewritten without affecting the other sections of the media.

[0017] To prevent a replay attack, the recording indicator 310 is configured to be externally readable, but not externally 25 controllable. That is, at each occurrence of a write access to the

memory 320, the content recording indicator 310 changes in a manner that is not externally controllable. In this manner, if the legitimate contents in the medium 300 are copied to an archive, and then subsequently re-recorded on the medium 300 from the archive, 5 the recording indicator 310 will, via the modifier 315, contain a different value U' (not illustrated) in the recording indicator 310 than the value U that had been in the recording indicator 310 when the legitimate contents were stored in the medium 300. Note that this value U' in the recording indicator 310 will be different than 10 the original value U , regardless of whether a total bit-by-bit copy of medium 300 is archived, including a copy of the original value U . That is, because the recording indicator 310 is not externally controllable, the original value U cannot be rewritten into the recording indicator 310. In this manner, because a copy of the 15 original contents of the medium 300 can be distinguished from the original contents, by comparing the original value U with the copy-produced new value U' , a replay attack can be prevented.

[0018] To facilitate this replay defense, the original value U must be reliably and securely communicated to the rendering device 20 400 that enforces this defense. Any number of techniques may be employed to securely communicate the original value U . For example (not illustrated), the original value U could be "digitally signed" by content provider 200, and this digitally signed information stored in the medium 300. A compliant rendering device 400 will 25 verify that the digitally signed information is authentic, and then

compare the digitally signed original value U to the current value of the value U in the recording indicator 310. If the current value U matches the digitally signed value U, the rendering device 400 is assured that the encrypted content material 321 from the memory 320 5 is the encrypted content material 221 that was originally stored in the memory 320. If the current value U does not match the digitally signed value U, the rendering device 400 recognizes the attempted replay attack, and precludes a rendering of the content material.

10019 In a preferred embodiment, as illustrated in FIG. 1, the 10 value U 311 is used by the content provider 200 to encrypt an item when the encrypted content material 221 is originally recorded, and the value U 312 is subsequently used by the rendering device 400 to decrypt the item. If the value U 311 changes between the time the encrypted content material 221 is originally recorded and the time 15 the rendering device reads the current value U 312, the rendering device 400 will be unable to properly decrypt the item that was encrypted based on the original value U 311. If, on the other hand, the value U 311 that is used by the content provider 200 is the same as the value U 312 that is used by the rendering device 400, 20 the rendering device 400 will properly decrypt the item that was encrypted based on the value U 312. In the example of FIG. 1, the aforementioned item that is encrypted based on the value 311 is a content key 202 that is used to encrypt, and subsequently decrypt the encrypted content material 221.

[0020] In the example embodiment of FIG. 1, an encrypter 220 is illustrated for providing the encrypted content material $E_{kc}(CM)$ 221 based on the content key KC. A key generator 210 creates a key KU 212 from the value U 311, typically via a hashing function. In a 5 preferred embodiment wherein the recording indicator 310 is embodied within the disk sector tag for each written sector, the key generator 210 creates the key KU 212 by iteratively hashing the unique value in each disk sector tag corresponding to the encrypted content material memory 320, and optionally, as discussed below, 10 the unique value in each disk sector tag corresponding to the rendering rights memory 350.

[0021] An encrypter 230 uses the key KU 212 to encrypt the content key KC 202 to provide an encrypted content key $E_{ku}(KC)$ 231. At the rendering device 400, this encrypted content key $E_{ku}(KC)$ is 15 shown as reference item 431. A key generator 410, similar to key generator 210, is used to generate a key KU 412, based on the value U 312 in the recording indicator 310 at the time that the medium 300 is read by the rendering device 400. A decrypter 430 decrypts the encrypted content key $E_{ku}(KC)$ 431 using this key KU 412. If the 20 value U 312 corresponds to the original value U 311 that was used in the encryption of the content key KC 202, the decrypter 430 will provide a content key KC 402 that matches the content key KC 202. A decrypter 420 uses the decrypted content key KC 402 to decrypt the encrypted content material $E_{kc}(CM)$ 321 from the memory 320 of the 25 medium 300. If the value U 312 does not correspond to the original

value U 311, the rendering device key KU 412 will not match the original key KU 212, the decrypted content key KC 402 will not match the original content key 202, and, therefore, the decrypted content material CM 401 will not match the original content material 201, and will be substantially unrenderable.

[0022] Also illustrated in the example embodiment of FIG. 1, the content provider 200 includes an optional encrypter 240 that further encrypts the encrypted content key $E_{KU}(KC)$ 231 using a public key KP 204 that is associated with the rendering device 400.

10 In this manner, the encrypted content key $E_{KU}(KC)$ 231 cannot be decrypted by a device other than the intended receiving device 400, thereby preventing a rendering of the content material 201 by other devices. This doubly encrypted key $E_{KP}(E_{KU}(KC))$ 241 is in a memory 340 of the medium 300. The corresponding rendering device 400

15 contains a decrypter 440 that decrypts the doubly encrypted key $E_{KP}(E_{KU}(KC))$ 341 from the memory 340 using a private key Kp 404 corresponding to the public key KP 204 of a public-private key pair. This decrypter 440 provides the aforementioned encrypted content key $E_{KU}(KC)$ 431.

20 **[0023]** For completeness, FIG. 1 illustrates an authorization module 450 in the rendering device 400 that enforces the limited rendering rights discussed in the Background of the Invention, above. Copending U.S. ~~patent~~ application, "Usage Dependent Ticket to Protect Copy protected Material", U.S. serial number

PHA _____ (Disclosure 700657), Application Serial No. 09/454,350, filed December 3, 1999, to Michael A. Epstein, entitled "USAGE DEPENDENT TICKET TO PROTECT COPY-PROTECTED MATERIAL" (Attorney Docket PHA 23,636), presents a method and system for allocating and 5 enforcing limited rights to each copy of encrypted content material that is stored on a recording medium, and is incorporated by reference herein. As applied to this invention, the content provider 200 includes a rights allocator 250 that stores allocated rights 251 on the recording medium 300. These allocated rights 251 10 are based on a usage parameter 352 of the medium 300 at the time that the encrypted content material 221 is recorded to the medium 300. The rights 251 may be encoded, for example, as a ticket that is "punched" by a modifier 355 each time the medium is accessed 499 by a rendering device 400, or as a counter that is decremented, and 15 so on. In accordance with another aspect of this invention, the recording indicator 310 may be configured to change its stored value U whenever the memory area 350 that contains the rights are written to from an external source, such as the content provider 200, or by an illicit attempt to modify the rights stored by the 20 content provider 200. As discussed above, if the retrieved value U 312 differs from the original value U 311, the decrypted content material 401 will not match the original content material 201, and will be virtually unrenderable. If the rights in the memory 350 and the encrypted content material in the memory 320 have not been 25 externally changed, the decrypted content material 401 will match

the original content material 201 and will be renderable. An authorization module 450 prevents the rendering 401', however, if the usage 353 of the medium 300 has exceeded the rights 351 allocated to the medium 300, via the gate 490. The rendering module 5 480 represents the components that render the decrypted content material 401, such as an audio system, an audio-video system, a computer system, and the like. The gate 490 represents any of a variety of means commonly available for inhibiting the production of the rendered material 401' from the content material 401 by the 10 authorization module 450.

[10024] The foregoing merely illustrates the principles of the invention. It will thus be appreciated that those skilled in the art will be able to devise various arrangements which, although not explicitly described or shown herein, embody the principles of the invention and are thus within the spirit and scope of the following ~~claims~~.

15 claims.

CLAIMS

I claim:

1. A recording medium comprising:

— a first memory that is configured to store encrypted content material via a first write operation,
— a recording indicator that is configured to contain a unique identifier at each occurrence of the first write operation, and
— a second memory that is configured to store, via a second write operation, a secure item based on the unique identifier when the encrypted content material is stored.

2. The recording medium of claim 1, wherein

— the secure item includes an encrypted key that facilitates a decryption of the encrypted content material, the encrypted key being dependent upon the unique identifier.

3. The recording medium of claim 1, wherein

— the recording indicator includes a counter that is configured to be incremented by a recording device when the recording device records the encrypted content material.

4. A rendering device that is configured to render content material corresponding to encrypted content material that is contained on a recording medium, the recording medium also including a recording indicator that contains an original value, the rendering device comprising:

— one or more decrypters that are configured to decrypt the encrypted content material based on a current value of the recording indicator, such that the one or more decrypters provide the content material only when the current value of the recording indicator corresponds to the original value of the recording indicator, and

— a renderer that is configured to render the content material.

5. The rendering device of claim 4, further including:

— an authorization device that is configured to control the renderer based on a usage measure associated with the recording medium and a validity period associated with the content material.

6. The rendering device of claim 4, further including

— a key generator that creates a unique key based on the current value of the recording indicator, and

— wherein
the one or more decrypters are configured to decrypt the encrypted content material based on the unique key that is based on the current value of the recording indicator.

7. The rendering device of claim 6, wherein
the one or more decripters include:
a first decripter that decrypts a doubly encrypted
content key based on a private key of the rendering device to
provide a singly encrypted content key,
a second decripter that decrypts the singly encrypted
content key based on the unique key that is based on the current
value of the recording indicator to provide a content key, and
a third decripter that decrypts the encrypted content
material based on the content key to provide the content material.

8. A provider of content material comprising
a recorder that is configured to record encrypted content
material and a corresponding secure item on a recording medium,
the encrypted content material being encrypted based on a
content key, and
the secure item being based on a value of a recording
indicator of the recording medium when the encrypted content
material is recorded on the recording medium.

9. The provider of claim 8, further comprising
an allocator that is configured to allocate rendering rights
associated with the encrypted content material, and
wherein
the recorder is further configured to record the rendering
rights on the recording medium.

10. The provider as claimed in claim 8, wherein
the secure item corresponds to an encryption of the content

~~key based on the value of the recording indicator.~~

~~11. The provider as claimed in claim 8, further comprising
one or more encrypters that are configured to provide the
secure item.~~

~~12. The provider of claim 8, further including
a key generator that generates a unique key based on the value
of the recording indicator, and
one or more encrypters that are configured to encrypt the
content key based on the unique key to produce the secure item.~~

~~13. The provider of claim 8, further comprising
a first encrypter that encrypts the content key based on a
unique key that is dependent upon a value of the recording
indicator to produce a singly encrypted content key, and
a second encrypter that encrypts the singly encrypted content
key based on a public key that is associated with a rendering
device to produce a doubly encrypted content key corresponding to
the secure item.~~

14. A method of providing content material, the method comprising:
— recording encrypted content material on a recording medium,
the encrypted content material being dependent upon the content
material and a content key, and
— recording a secure item on the recording medium, the secure
item being dependent upon a recording indicator that is associated
with the recording medium.

15. The method of claim 14, further including
— recording rendering rights associated with the encrypted
content material on the recording medium.

16. The method of claim 14, further including:
— generating a unique key that is based on the recording
indicator,
— encrypting the content key using the unique key to produce the
secure item.

17. The method of claim 14, wherein
the method further including:
— generating a unique key that is based on the recording
indicator,
— encrypting the content key using the unique key to
produce a singly encrypted content key, and
— encrypting the singly encrypted content key using a
public key associated with a rendering device to produce the secure
item.

18. A method of rendering content material from a recording medium that includes encrypted content material, an encrypted content key, and a recording indicator, the method comprising:

— determining a unique key based on the recording indicator,

— decrypting the encrypted content key based on the unique key to provide a content key,

— decrypting the encrypted content material based on the content key to provide the content material, and

— rendering the content material.

19. The method of claim 18, wherein

— the recording medium also includes rendering rights, and

— rendering the content material is dependent upon the rendering rights.

20. The method of claim 18, wherein

— decrypting the encrypted content key includes:

— decrypting the encrypted content key based on a private key to provide a singly encrypted content key, and

— decrypting the singly encrypted content key based on the unique key to provide the content key.

~~Key Distribution via a Memory Device~~

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

~~An encryption system prevents a replay attack by providing a secure item that is substantially unique for each recording of copy protected content material. A~~ A memory element is provided in the recording medium that is readable but not writeable by external devices, and whose content changes each time select material is recorded onto the medium. ~~In a preferred embodiment, the~~ The content of this memory element is used to form forms a unique encryption key that is used to encrypt for encrypting the content encryption key. This unique encryption of the encrypted content encryption key is further encrypted using a public key that corresponds to a private key of the intended rendering device. Although the unique encryption key is determinable by reading and processing the content of the externally read-only memory element, the decryption of the content encryption key requires both the unique encryption key and the private key of the intended rendering device. Because the unique encryption key is based on a content value of the read-only memory element that is unique to each recording to the recording medium, a subsequent illicit re-recording of the original encrypted content material onto the recording medium (a replay attack) will not provide the same unique encryption key as the unique encryption key used to originally encrypt the content encryption key. Because the unique encryption key of the replay

attack differs from the original unique encryption key used to
encrypt the content encryption key, the rendering device will be
25 unable to decrypt the content encryption key, and thereby will be
unable to decrypt the content material, and the replay attack will
fail.